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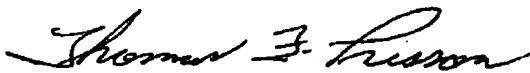
Dear Mr. Nakamura:

Thank you for your facsimile letter dated August 22, 2005.

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment we today filed in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2005 in the above-referenced matter.

We will keep you fully informed of all further developments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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 THEREFOR
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

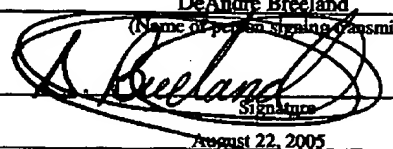
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Total claims	16	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	12	Minus	*** = 16	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$___ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims x petition for extension of time.
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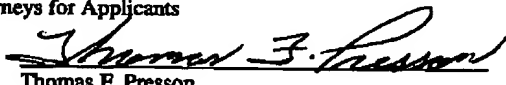
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2005, having a three-month
statutory period for response set to expire on August 22, 2005 (August 20, 2005 being a
Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.